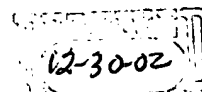


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A system for offering Internet Protocol (IP) multicast services in mesh TDMA satellite networks, said system comprising:

a plurality of terminals for providing said IP multicast services, each terminal being connected to at least one local router;

a route server in communication with a plurality of said local routers for establishing and maintaining routing information for said plurality of said local routers; and

a controller operative to allocate broadcast bursts to said terminals based on requests from said terminals via said route server.

14. (Amended) A method for offering Internet Protocol (IP) multicast services in a mesh TDMA satellite network having a plurality of terminals connected to local routers, and a master terminal, said method comprising: